(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) There are no developmental schemes or projects in Garhwal and Chamoli regions under the aegis of UNDP.

(b) A statement is attached.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

STATEMENT

Sl. No.	Name of the project	Amount of Assistance (in US $ million)
	AGRICULTURE	
(1)	Himalayan Watershed Management project	31.2
	POWER	
(2)	U. P. Power project	350.00
(3)	U. P. Urban Development Project	150.00
(4)	1st Technician Education project	260.00
(5)	VIth population project	124.6

[Translation]

Import of Resin

*539. PROF. PREM DHUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether resin is being imported despite huge stocks worth crores of rupees lying in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Union Government to stop the import of resin in view of the foreign exchange crisis and to utilise the resin available in Himachal Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The item is covered by the Limited Permissible List. As such, its import can be made only against either Exim Scrips or Special Licences issued as per the procedures applicable to the Actual Users in the small scale sector and those engaged in the manufacture of life saving drugs and equipments.

(c) Does not arise.

Bank Dacoities

*540. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bank dacoities in the country since April 1, 1991 till date;

(b) the number of persons killed and the amount looted from various banks, bank-wise;

(c) the total relief provided to the families of the deceased employees; and

(d) the amount recovered from the arrested bank dacoits and the action being taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a), (b) and (d) As per reports sent by Public Sector Banks to Reserve Bank of India, the number of bank dacoities/ robberies which took place during the period 1-4-1991 to 9-8-1991, persons killed, the amount involved and the amount recovered in these incidents,

are given bank-wise in the attached statement. All such cases are investigated by police authorities under the law. The amounts of money recovered as reported above is the result of police action in the follow-up of the cases and will include also the amounts recovered from the persons arrested.

(c) Out of the six persons killed, four were bank employees and two were members of public. The total cash relief paid to the families of bank employees was Rs. 3 lakhs and to the members of public, Rs. 2 lakhs.

STATEMENT

(Rs. in lakhs)

	Name of the Bank	No. of dacoities/ robberies	Persons killed	Amount involved	Amount recovered
	1	2	3	4	5
1.	Allahabad Bank	8	Nil	7.96	0.50
2.	Bank of India	5	Nil	9.64	Nil
3.	Bank of Baroda	1	Nil	2.00	Nil
4.	Canara Bank	3	Nil	4.59	1.00
5.	Central Bank of India	4	Nil	3.23	Nil
6.	Indian Bank	1	Nil	0.79	Nil
7.	Oriental Bank of Commerce	1	Nil	3.70	3.22
8.	Punjab National Bank	6	Nil	20.01	6.00
9.	Punjab & Sind Bank	3	Nil	5.82	Nil
10.	UCO Bank	1	Nil	0.94	Nil
11.	Union Bank of India	1	Nil	0.23	Nil
12.	United Bank of India	3	Nil	4.28	Nil
13.	State Bank of India	1	Nil	0.91	Nil
14.	State Bank of Patiala	1	5	2.00	Nil
15.	State Bank of Saurashtra	2	1	0.06	Nil
	TOTAL	41	6	66.16	10.72

Cases pending in Supreme Court and High Courts

*541. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending in the Supreme Court and High Courts for the last five to ten years, court-wise; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to expedite the disposal of these cases?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI K. VIJAYA BHASKARA REDDY): (a) A statement is attached.

(b) Besides increasing the Judge strength, various steps like grouping